

PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2010

Session 10-05, a Regular Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Ulmer at 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2010 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ULMER, CARROLL, ZIMMERMAN, HARTLEY,

ROLL CALL

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS WEDIN, VELSKO, HOTTMANN

STAFF: PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

AGENDA APPROVAL

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HARTLEY/ZIMMERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

The agenda was approved as written by consensus of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

PUBLIC
COMMENT ON
AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

RECONSIDERATION

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There were no reconsiderations scheduled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A. May 26, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

ZIMMERMAN/HARTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 26 MEETING MINUTES.

The meeting minutes were approved as written by consensus of the Commission.

VISITORS

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STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Port and Harbor Director's Reports for May and June 2010

STAFF REPORT

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins reviewed his staff reports and answered questions from the Commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING

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There were no public hearing scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

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BUSINESS

A. Request for Proposals Lots 9A, 10A, 19, 20, and 12A

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins said there were no proposals and this was provided for information.

RFP Lots 9A,
10A, 19, 20, &
12A

B. Spit Comprehensive Plan

PENDING
BUSINESS

City Planner Abboud updated the Commission on what the PC and EDC have done. He said he would take notes to pass on to the Planning Commission and suggested they may want to have discussion and prepare a formal recommendation if they see a need for specific changes.

Spit Comp
Plan

Discussion points included:

- Types and location of residential uses as accessory uses. People should be able to live above their businesses, but not B&B's or rooms for rent. Fish processing businesses need to have a provision for staff on site 24 hours and need to have a sound location that can meet fire code, not campers and busses.
- Overslope and parking standards. The City should at least build the platform for overslope. Most won't do that for just 3 or 4 months of business.
- 1% for landscaping. Issues with landscaping on the spit as you can only grow particular things. It is an arts community, perhaps statues or murals.
- Recreation and Community Space. Parks are important. We need picnic and play areas for locals. Some camping may need to be displaced to provide a community space near the Pier One Theater area.
- Identification of land to be purchased for conservation areas.
- Enhance area around deep water dock. Currently there aren't many amenities for cruise ship passengers. There are not a lot of opportunities once the passengers disembark to direct them to the opportunities happening in our area. Currently there is no welcome or cultural experience for passengers. It is an industrial area so how do you combine the two. It is important to consider revenue from cruise ships to revenue from the industry of the port, and how the two work together.
- Traffic flow. There are very few accidents and congestion is bad for a very small part of the year. Eliminating big RVs parking along the road to improve visibility, having business owner's park away from their buildings, and fining jay walkers would solve a lot of the problem.
- Safe movement at the base of the spit. There should not be a cross walk where the speed limit is 45 mph. Put in a pedestrian culvert under the highway and people could park at Mariner Park.

He advised them that the Planning Commission hopes to have a draft for public review by the end of August.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Plan 2011-2016

NEW
BUSINESS

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins identified some of the changes in the document and current projects specific to the harbor.

CIP 2011-
2016

Most of the Commissioner's listed their priorities and agreed to discuss them further at their next meeting to allow for more input from the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Carroll said he is interested in proposing an item for the list to revamp the ice house. It is an opportunity for economic development for several reasons including a market for wild fresh fish.

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B. Lease Committee Membership

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BUSINESS

Commissioner Zimmerman volunteered to take the seat on the Lease Committee. There was no objection expressed by the Commissioners.

Lease
Committee
Membership

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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MATERIALS

- A. 2010 Commissioner Attendance at City Council Meetings
- B. Harbormaster's Monthly Statistical Report
- C. Weekly Crane and Ice Report
- D. Deep Water Dock Report
- E. Pioneer Dock Report
- F. Pioneer Dock Ferry Landing Report
- G. Memorandum to Harbor Staff Dated June 11, 2010 Parking Enforcement Update
- H. Letter to AKDOT Regional Director Wilbur date June 7, 2010 Parking Regulations and Enforcement on the Homer Spit from City Manager Wrede

AUDIENCE
COMMENT

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience comments.

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

STAFF
COMMENT

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins reviewed the information in the packet regarding spit parking. He noted that signs are being posted regarding the parking changes. They broke up the 33 diagonal spaces along the boardwalks on the west side into two sections and set a 20 foot size limit for vehicles and a time limit of two hours. Loading areas will be marked accordingly.

COUNCILME
MBER
COMMENT

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER

No Councilmembers were present.

CHAIR
COMMENT

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ulmer had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE
COMMENT

The Commissioners had no comment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

ADJOURN

MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: _____